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EVENING LECTURES — 8:30 P.M.

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Councilman Morgan, *College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University*

IMPLICATIONS OF 60 NEWLY RECOGNIZED VIRUSES OF MAN

Robert J. Huebner, *National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.*

CLINICAL ASPECTS OF VIRAL DISEASES

Robert Ward, *New York University College of Medicine*

8th

ASPECTS OF CARBOHYDRATE AND PHOSPHATE METABOLISM IN DIABETES

William C. Stadie, *University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine*

FAT METABOLISM IN DIABETES

Vincent P. Dole, *The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research*

MODERN ASPECTS OF THE DIABETES PROBLEM

Garfield G. Duncan, *University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine*

9th

DISTURBANCES OF AMINO ACID METABOLISM

L. Emmett Holt, Jr., *New York University College of Medicine*

CONNECTIVE TISSUES IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Jerome Gross, *Harvard Medical School*

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Richard B. Stark, *College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University*

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 Gilbert H. Mudge, *The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
- RENAL TUBULAR DYSFUNCTION IN CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE
 Louis Leiter, *College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University*
- RENAL EXCRETION OF URIC ACID IN GOUT: MODIFICATION BY URICOSURIC AGENTS IN TREATMENT
 Alexander B. Gutman, *College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University*
- 11th CURRENT VIEWS ON THE BIOCHEMISTRY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF MYOCARDIAL CONTRACTION
 H. Mead Cavert, *University of Minnesota Medical School*
- PHYSIOLOGY OF HYPOTHERMIA
 James E. Eckenhoff, *University of Pennsylvania Schools of Medicine*
- THE PRESENT STATUS AND THE PROBABLE DIRECTION OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN OPEN CARDIOTOMY IN THE CORRECTION OF CARDIAC DEFECTS
 John H. Gibbon, Jr., *The Jefferson Medical College*
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PANEL MEETINGS — 3:30 P.M.

- 7th THYROID DISEASE
 Chairman: Rulon W. Rawson, *Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases*
- 8th ADRENAL GLAND AND ADRENAL TUMORS
 Chairman: Joseph W. Jailer, *College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University*
- 9th MODERN ASPECTS OF HEMATOLOGY
 Chairman: Irving M. London, *Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University*
- 10th PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF RADIOACTIVE METALS
 Chairman: Lee E. Farr, *Brookhaven National Laboratory Hospital*
- 11th BLOOD PROTEINS
 Chairman: Henry G. Kunkel, *The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research*

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1957

MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH ANGINA
Moderator: CHARLES E. KOSSMANN

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December 12
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MANAGEMENT OF SURGICAL CONDITIONS OF THE
ALIMENTARY TRACT IN INFANCY
Moderator: GEORGE H. HUMPHREYS II

TUESDAY
January 14
1958

RECENT ADVANCES IN THE TREATMENT OF THE SPRUE
SYNDROME
Moderator: THOMAS P. ALMY

TUESDAY
February 11
1958

COMMON UROLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN GENERAL PRACTICE
Moderator: VICTOR F. MARSHALL

TUESDAY
March 11
1958

MANAGEMENT OF HEMORRHAGIC STATES
Moderator: To be announced

TUESDAY
April 8
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EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FATIGUE
Moderator: To be announced

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